

# Application for Resident Status

## South Dakota Public Universities: Assessment of Tuition

### Basic Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for South Dakota residency beginning: Term \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I am/will be:  an undergraduate student  a graduate student  a law/medical student

### Directions for Completion:

- Complete citizenship section on this page.
- Proceed to page 2; complete all sections of the application that are relevant to your situation.
- Attach all required documentation.
- Sign the application on page 5.
- Submit application and all supporting materials as directed.

### Citizenship Status (check one):

- I am a US citizen.
- I am a recently naturalized citizen (note: attach a copy of citizenship papers).
- I am not a US citizen, but am entitled under law to establish a residence in the United States (check one):
- I have been issued a Permanent Resident Card (note: attach a copy of the I-551).
  - I have been issued a Conditional Permanent Resident Card (note: attach a copy).
  - I have received a USCIS-issued notice of approval for my I-485 Application to Adjust Status (note: attach a copy).
  - I have been granted a visa (note: attach a copy).
- Visa type: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of authorized stay: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have an approved Immigrant Petition (I-130, I-360, or I-140) plus a pending I-485 Application to Adjust Status (note: attach copies of all paper work).

Please include any additional information about your particular situation that may be useful:

**Application:**

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law and Board of Regents Policy, establishment of resident status hinges on the following criteria:

- Location of permanent residence within the borders of South Dakota
- Purpose for reasons other than pursuit of higher education
- Time span of 12 or more consecutive months which immediately precedes the first scheduled day of classes for the first term of post-secondary study

Please check the box that corresponds to your particular situation:

- I meet all criteria delineated above and can submit documentation to support this claim (note: proceed to and complete section **A**.)
- I fit into an exception category created by South Dakota Codified Law; this exception relates to (check one):
  - Family status (note: proceed to and complete section **B**)
  - Military affiliation (note: proceed to and complete section **C**)
  - High school graduation (note: proceed to and complete section **D**)

**Section A: South Dakota Residency**

Recent Residency History: please provide a chronological listing of locations at which you have resided over the last two years (attach additional sheets if needed).

Street Address	City	State	Date of Move-In	Date of Move-Out

Summary of Post-Secondary Education in South Dakota: please list each SD college and/or university which you have attended during the past two years; this includes all public universities, private colleges, technical colleges, and tribal colleges.

Name of School	City	State	Term/Semester	Number of Credit Hours
		SD		
		SD		
		SD		

For what reason did you move to South Dakota?

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Are you part of a profession that requires state licensure, such as nursing? If so, are you currently licensed in South Dakota? Yes  No  Please indicate profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you maintain membership in any civic/community organizations? If so, please list:

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Please submit these documents with your application:

- Evidence of residence in South Dakota:
  - ▶ Home owner: attach proof of property purchase.
  - ▶ Renter: attach a signed letter from your landlord; this letter must specify start/end dates of occupancy and confirm that you were physically present during the tenancy.
- Confirmation of employment during the previous 12 months: attach signed letter(s) from your employer(s); letter(s) must clearly indicate start/end dates of all employment. If unemployed during this time frame, please verify that in writing.
- South Dakota voter’s registration card (if you choose not to vote, please specify this in writing)
- South Dakota driver’s license (if you do not drive, please state this in writing) or state-issued ID card
- South Dakota vehicle registration (if you do not own a car, please indicate this in writing); important note: vehicle registration does not refer to car title or insurance information

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### Section B: Family Status Exceptions

Check the box that describes your situation:

- I am under the age of 24 and remain an unemancipated minor; my residence follows that of at least one parent/legal guardian who has relocated to/established residency in South Dakota (note: proceed to section specific to unemancipated minors at the top of the next page).
- I am married to a resident of South Dakota (check one box below and then proceed to the section specific to marriage to a South Dakota resident on the next page):
  - Scenario #1: My spouse is a current/former student of a South Dakota regental university (BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSMT, SDSU, and/or USD), and he/she was classified as a resident.  
Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Scenario #2: My spouse graduated from a South Dakota high school.
  - Scenario #3: My spouse established residency in South Dakota prior to our marriage, and I have evidence to substantiate this assertion.

**Please submit supporting documents with your application:**

*Unemancipated minor:*

- Evidence that one parent/legal guardian currently resides in South Dakota:
  - ▶ Home owner: attach proof of property purchase.
  - ▶ Renter: attach a signed letter from your parent's/legal guardian's landlord; this letter must specify start/end dates of occupancy and confirm that your parent or guardian was physically present during the tenancy.
- Confirmation of at least one parent's/legal guardian's employment: attach signed letter(s) from employer(s) which indicates status of employment (full or part-time) and start date.
- Verification that parent's/legal guardian's relocation to South Dakota was for reasons other than your pursuit of higher education in this state: attach a signed letter from at least one parent/legal guardian that attests to this and provides rationale for moving to South Dakota.

*Marriage to a South Dakota resident:*

- Copy of your marriage license (note: the official license is issued by a state governmental agency)
- Substantiation of your spouse's residency:

Scenario #1: No attachments are needed at this time.

Scenario #2: Attach your spouse's official high school transcript.

Scenario #3: Attach the following documents:

- ▶ Evidence of spousal residence in South Dakota:
    - ✧ Home owner: attach proof of property purchase
    - ✧ Renter: attach a signed letter from your spouse's landlord; this letter must specify start/end dates of occupancy and confirm that your spouse was physically present during the tenancy
  - ▶ Confirmation of spousal employment during the previous 12 months: attach a signed letter(s) from your spouse's employer(s); these letter(s) must clearly indicate start/end dates of all employment.
    - ▶ Spouse's voter's registration card (if he/she chooses not to vote, please specify this in writing)
    - ▶ Spouse's driver's license (if he/she does not drive, please state this in writing) or state-issued ID card
    - ▶ Vehicle registration (if you/your spouse do not own a car, please indicate this in writing); important note: vehicle registration ≠ car title or insurance information
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## Section C: Military Exceptions

**Important note: this application for residency speaks only to military benefits made available by the South Dakota State Legislature (that is, created by South Dakota Codified Law); for information specific to benefits afforded through federal programs, please see your campus Veterans Affairs Office.**

Check the box that describes your situation:

- I am a qualified veteran who has established a residence in South Dakota.
- I am actively serving in the armed forces and have maintained South Dakota as my home of record for the last 12 months.
- I am actively serving in the armed forces and currently stationed for active duty in South Dakota.
- My spouse is a qualified veteran; we have established a residence in South Dakota, and I am eligible for VA education benefits.
- My parent/legal guardian is a qualified veteran; I am living in South Dakota, and I am eligible for VA education benefits.
- My parent/legal guardian or my spouse is actively serving in the armed forces and has maintained South Dakota as his/her home of record for the last 12 months.
- My parent/legal guardian or my spouse is actively serving in the armed forces and currently stationed for active duty in South Dakota.

Please submit these documents with your application:

- Veteran:
    - ▶ Proof of military service, such as the DD-214 (this documentation will be reviewed and verified by the university's Veterans Affairs Certifying Official)
    - ▶ Evidence of residence in South Dakota:
      - ✧ Home owner: attach proof of property purchase
      - ✧ Renter: attach a signed letter from your landlord; this letter must specify start/end dates of occupancy and confirm that you were physically present during the tenancy.
  - Active military:
    - ▶ Most recent leave and earnings statement
    - ▶ Current orders (if the leave and earnings statement does not reflect a South Dakota residence)
  - Dependent of active military:
    - ▶ Most recent leave and earnings statement of parent/legal guardian or spouse
    - ▶ Certificate of education eligibility issued by Department of Military Affairs
    - ▶ Current orders for parent/legal guardian or spouse (if the leave and earnings statement does not reflect a South Dakota residence)
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### Section D: High School Graduation Exceptions

Check the box that describes your situation:

- I graduated from a South Dakota High School; name/city of that school: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_
- I did not graduate from a South Dakota High School; however, at the time of high school graduation, I was a South Dakota resident and lived with a parent/legal guardian who was also a South Dakota resident.

Please also attach these documents to your application:

- Graduate from a SD high school: official transcript from that school (note: disregard if you have previously submitted this document)
- South Dakota residents at the time of graduation (only those who did not graduate from a SD high school): attach documentation that establishes parental residency at the time of your high school graduation; examples include tax documents and home ownership papers.

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### Student Affirmation:

- I have completed all sections of this application that are relevant to my situation.
- I have attached all required documentation.
- I have provided information that is entirely accurate and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Submission:

Submit the application plus all supporting documents to this office:

Submit the application plus all supporting documents to this office:  
Registrar’s Office  
Attention: Residency Status Appeal  
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  
501 E. Saint Joseph St, O’Harra Bldg, Rm 201  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Contact Information:

Email: [registrar@sdsmt.edu](mailto:registrar@sdsmt.edu)  
Phone: 605-394-2400